Shortage of raw material in Paradeep Phosphates Limited

1598. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of a particular type of raw material the Paradeep Phosphates Limited remained closed for a long period; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the loss sustained, and the step taken or proposed to be taken to avert closure on account of shortage of raw material ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) The DAP Plant of Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL) has been experiencing periodic shortage of ammonia and/or phosphoric acid. The main reason for shortage of these inputs has been shortage of foreign exchange. The estimated cumulative production loss on this account is 7.6 lakh tonnes of DAP. For the import of ammonia and phosphoric acid, the Company is now free to import the inputs under Open General Licence (OGL) using foreign exchange at official rate.

Toxic Emission by Delhi Unit of Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.

1599. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Unit of the Hindustan Insecticides Limited passes the deadly insecticide of DDT into the Najafgarh Drain or sub-soil water;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted into the toxic emission by the unit.

(c) what are the parameters set by the Central pollution Control Board on the presence of DDT in the water and what were the actual presence of DDT in the water in the surroundings of the unit; and

(d) the steps being taken to control and contain the toxic emissions by the units and with what results;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (d) The effluent water flowing out of the Delhi Unit of Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. (HIL) is fully neutralised, after treatment in an effluent treatment plant before flowing into the Najafgarh drain. The Central Pollution Control Board has prescribed a maximum limit of 100 micro grams per litre of DDT and the treated water is found to be within these prescribed limits.

Studies have been conducted into all aspects of pollution caused by the Delhi Unit of HIL. A comprehensive set of recommended pollution control measures to meet minimum national standards have been arrived at. The Central Pollution Control Board have allowed HIL time until December, 1993 to complete this work. In order to ensure that these facilities are satisfactorily established the progress in this regard is monitored jointly by the Central Pollution Control Board, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, the management of HIL and the Deptt. of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals.

Action against absent Employees of I.D.P.L.

1600. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Question 1148 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1992 and state what action was taken against the employees referred to the replies to Unstarred Question 1121 dated 7th May, 1992 and Unstarred Question 4596 dated 20th August, 1992 respectively when Rule 30-A has to be applied to the cases of unauthorised absence for more than 30 days together with reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : In reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4596 dated 20th August, 1992, it was stated that out of 14 employees unauthorisedly absent on 30-3-1990, 5 were proceeded against under Rule 30-A. The remaining 9 officials were not charge-sheeted under rule 30-A. Out of these remaining 9 employees, one retired in the